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1. U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT:

-- PRAVDA'S U. MIKHAILOV REPORTS FROM BONN ON
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
CITING THE FAVORABLE COMMENTS OF BOTH BUT ALSO CITING WEST
GERMAN PRESS REPORTS ON TRADE PROBLEMS.

--IZVESTIYA'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT V. KOBYSH REPORTS ON "DETENTE: TWO COURSES," CITING FAVORABLY THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON CTB BUT CONTRASTING IT WITH THE VOICES OF "HAWKS" WHO SEEK TO STRENGTHEN NATO AND MAINTAIN A HIGH PENTAGON BUDGET.

2. ON OTHER COVERAGE:

--IZVESTIYA AND KZ (BUT NOT PRAVDA) REPORT THAT "A.D. SAKHAROV" WAS CALLED IN BY DEPUTY PROCURATOR-GENERAL S.I. GUSEV AND WARNED ABOUT "PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS" (SEPTTEL).

--ON "SOVIET MILITARY THREAT" FRONT, PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY LONDON TASS ITEM REPLAYING TIMES ARTICLE IDENTIFYING ARMS RACE AS REAL THREAT, ATTACKING HAIG AND CHALFONT, AND SOURCING TO RECENT VISITORS THE IMPRESSION THAT BREZHNEV IS SINCERE IN STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. ENGLISH TASS IDENTIFIES AUTHOR OF TIMES PIECE AS OLD MOSCOW HAND (CURRENTLY NEWSDAY CORRESPONDENT) END STEVENS.

--ON CZECHSLOVAKIA, PRAVDA CARRIES PRAGUE TASS ITEM REPORTING LETTER "PUBLISHED IN PRESS" BY I. ZARUBY OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY DISAVOWING AND WITHDRAWING SIGNATURE FROM CHARTER 77. "THIS REVEALS METHODS," SAYS TASS, "WITH WHOSE HELP ANTI-COMMUNIST CENTERS IN WEST TRY TO FABRICATE THEIR FALSIFICATIONS ABOUT 'PUBLIC OPINION' IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."
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--ALL CENTRAL MEDIA REPORT THAT NORTH KOREAN PREMIER PAK SONG CHOL LEFT MOSCOW FOR HOME ON JAN 26, AFTER MEETING WITH BREZHNEV THE SAME DAY. PRAVDA ALSO CARRIED A STATEMENT ON THE VISIT GIVING A BARE-BONES ACCOUNT OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AND WHO TOOK PART. NO ACCORDS OR INVITATIONS WERE DISCLOSED AND THE OUTWARD SIGNS INDICATE COOL ATMOSPHERICS ON THIS VISIT (SEPTTEL).

--PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES WITHOUT COMMENT A TASS PYOGYANG REPORT OF A MEETING THERE IN SUPPORT OF PYONGYANG'S LETTER "ON THE QUESTION OF THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA."

--ON THE PHILIPPINES, PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS BERLIN ITEM REPLAYING EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH CPP CC GENERAL SECRETARY MACAPAGAL IN THE WEEKLY "HORIZON". THE TASS EXCERPTS STRESS MACAPAGAL'S SUPPORT FOR THE "PROGRESSIVE TENDENCIES" IN PRESIDENT MARCO'S FOREIGN

POLICY, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND HANOI.

--PRAVDA HAS LONG ARTICLE BY P. DEMCHENKO BASED
ON HIS RECENT TRIP THROUGH M.E. HE REPORTS THAT WHILE
JORDANIANS AND SYRIANS ARE FOR MEPC (SYRIAN MIN.
INFORMATIN AHMAD TELLS HIM SYRIA SINCERELY STRIVING
FOR POLOTICAL SOLUTION), PALESTINIANS ARE DISUNITED
ON ISSUE. CHAIRMAN OF PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC)
AL FAHUM REPEATS STANDARD LINE, I.E., INVITATION NOT
RECEIVED, PNC WOULD BE CONVENED WITHIN 1-2 WEEKS OF
RECEIPT TO MAKE NECESSARY DECISION. DEMCHENKO HIMSELF
SAYS STATEMENTS BY PLO LEADERS INDICATE WEST BANK-
GAZA STIP LOCATION FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE. ISRAELI
POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTRANSIGENCE IS DESCRIBED, BUT
MENTION IS ALSO MADE OF "DIFFERENT TENDENCIES" TOWARD
COMPROMISE WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN DIFFERENT
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LAYERS OF ISRAELI SOCIETY. WHILE THESE TENDENCIES
HAVE NOT YET REACHED GOVERNMENT LEVEL, SAYS DEMCHENKO,
THEY HAVE BEGUN TO INFLUENCE "POLOTICAL CLIMATE"
IN ISRAEL.

--PRAVDA AND KZ COVERAGE OF EGYPTIAN EVENTS
EMPHASIZES ARRESTS AND "OFFICIWL PROPAGANDA" DESIGNED
TO CREATE IMPRESSION THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE INSTIGATED
BY "ELEMENTS OF MARXIST PERSUASION." TASS REPLAYS
COMMENTS BY FIGARO AND NYT ON SADAT'S ATTEMPT TO CURRY
FAVOR WITH WEST, U.S. AND ARAB REACTION BY PORTRAYING
EGYPT AS VICTIM OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM.

-PRAVDA NOTES SOLIDARITY RALLY IN MOSCOW WHICH
DENOUNCED "RACISTS AND THEIR IMPERIALIST PROTECTORS"
FOR ASSASSINATION OF ANC VP JASON MOYO.

--PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY A. TREPETOV
DESCRIBES JUST CONCLUDED COMECON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING IN HAVANA (FIRST TIME IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE)
AS A "DEEPLY SYMBOLIC ACT IN ITSELF,"

--IZVESTIYA HAS A LONG ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
R. TUCHNIN ON CONTRADICTIONARY SITUATION IN ECUADOR WITH
PROGRESS IN ECUADOR'S CONTROL OF ITS OWN OIL RESOURCES
ON ONE HAND BUT WITH CONTINUED POWER IN HANDS OF OLIGARCHY
ON OTHER.
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